

BUILDING STRONGER RURAL COMMUNITIES



MAFO

MARCH 29 - APRIL 1, 2009
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

20th
Annual
CONFERENCE



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ✓ Hispanics from rural and non-rural areas
- ✓ Agricultural workers and Latino farmers and ranchers
- ✓ Representatives from Department of Labor, USDA and other federal and state agencies
- ✓ Staff from nonprofit and farmworker agencies
- ✓ Healthcare service agencies
- ✓ Workforce development boards and agencies
- ✓ Rural asset builders and community economic development agencies
- ✓ Business development agencies, banks and foundation representatives
- ✓ And anyone impacted by or who impacts rural Hispanics and rural communities



For complete workshop descriptions, hotel and other information or to register online, go to <http://www.mafofarmworker.com>.

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2009 MAFO National Farmworker Conference

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Registration

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM Roundtable Discussions:

- *Re-Framing Immigration into Asset-Based Effort*
- *Building a Rural Hispanic Economic Development Agenda*
- *Heat Stress & Farmworker Safety*
- *Grant & Proposal Development Institute*

WORKSHOPS | MONDAY, MARCH 30 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 |

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

- Better Performance: Using Strategic Industry Clusters
- Innovative Outreach for Rural Latinos & Farmworkers
- Regional DOL: NFJP Federal Review Process & Monitoring
- One Stops and How to Access TANF and WIA
- One Stops: Where are They Going and How Do You Get Involved?
- Alternative Solutions to H2A: Agricultural Recruitment Systems
- Job Service Complaint System
- Agricultural Workers: Skill Upgrades

COMMUNITY ASSET BUILDING

- How to Develop A Successful Agricultural Business (I) — The Business Plan
- Accessing Capital for Rural Businesses
- Cultural Awareness Site Tours
- Family Asset Building Strategies
- Farmers Markets and Cooperatives
- Latino Philanthropy

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Registration

Opening Plenary Session — *"Building Stronger Rural Communities"*

Welcome — Lupe Martinez, Chair, MAFO Corporate Board of Directors, President & CEO, UMOs

Keynote Speaker — Arturo Rodriguez, President of the United Farm Workers of America

HEALTHY, WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

- Impact of Secondhand Smoke
- Improving Pesticide Safety in the Workplace Through Research, Litigation and Regulatory Reform
- Cultural Awareness Site Tours
- Sexual Harassment in the Fields
- Effective Strategies to Build Inclusive Communities
- Immigration Related Employment Discrimination & Farmworkers

EDUCATION: ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Texas P-16 & Farmworkers
- Adult Education: A Key Component in Family Literacy
- Cultural Awareness Site Tours
- Educational Program: Evaluation (I)
- Educational Program: Evaluation (II)
- Immigrants in Higher Education

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

Plenary Session — *"At a Crossroad of Debate – Immigration"*

Pre-Gala Reception

MAFO Gala & Awards Banquet

2009 MAFO Lifetime Award Presented to Rafael Guerra, Executive Director, East Coast Migrant Head Start

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

MAFO Closing Assembly

USDOL Monitor Advocate Training



IMMIGRATION

- Why do We Blame the Immigrants for...Everything?
- Immigration: Children Left Behind
- Cultural Awareness Site Tours
- The Border Wall! What are We Doing About It!
- The Impact on the Current Labor Force of Recent Developments in H2A/H2B Foreign Labor Certification Programs and E-Match Letters
- ICE Raids: Legal and Community Preparedness

MINORITY FARMERS & RANCHERS

- Farm Bill: Benefits for Small Farmworkers & Ranchers
- How to Develop a Successful Agricultural Business (II) – Feasibility Studies
- Cultural Awareness Site Tours
- Managing Risk for Sustainability
- Profiting through the Use of the Schedule F on your Taxes
- "Six Figure Income" on ONE ACRE! Sustainability on Small Acreage – Conservation and Crop Diversification.

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2009 MAFO CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

SPECIAL END-OF-YEAR REGISTRATION RATE (available online only):
No later than December 31, 2008 \$ 270.00

Early Bird:

Postmarked no later than February 29, 2009 \$ 280.00

Regular:

Postmarked between March 1 – March 27, 2009 \$ 330.00

On-site registration:

March 29 – April 1, 2009 \$ 355.00

Make check payable to MAFO

Mail registration with payment to:

MAFO, PO Box 7569, St. Cloud, MN 56302-7569

Online registration and payment options are also available by visiting the
MAFO website at **www.mafofarmworker.com**.

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Special vegetarian meal: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I am applying for a registration fee waiver
scholarship because:

- ☐ I am currently a farmworker.
- ☐ I am a staff person of an organization that has a small budget (\$50,000 or less), and does not have sufficient funds for conference travel. *Please include a letter and a copy of your annual report.*

Please use one form per person. To register additional conference participants, make extra white photocopies. For more information, **contact Lalo Zavala at 320-251-1711; fax 320-203-8913, via email at heladio.zavala@umos.org**.

All cancellations must be made in writing. A refund will be made to anyone whose cancellation is postmarked on or before March 20, 2009. However, an administrative and processing fee of \$75.00 will be deducted from the refund. Cancellation postmarked after March 20, 2009 or registration fees for no shows will not be refunded. However, registrations are transferable to other individuals, but must be accompanied by an authorizing letter.